

Title 29 CFR part 30 sets forth policies and procedures to promote equality of opportunity in apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor and recognized State Apprenticeship Agencies. These policies and procedures apply to recruitment and selection of apprentices, and to all conditions of employment and training during apprenticeship. The procedures provide for review of apprenticeship programs, for registering apprenticeship programs, for processing complaints, and for deregistering non-complying apprenticeship programs. This part also provides policies and procedures for continuation or withdrawal of recognition of State agencies which register apprenticeship programs for Federal purposes.

## II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

## III. Current Actions

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Title 29 CFR part 30, Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship Training.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0224.

*Agency Form Number:* ETA 9039.

*Recordkeeping:* Apprenticeship sponsors are required to keep accurate

records on recruitment, selection of the applicant and/or apprentice and the employment and training activities related to the apprentice and the qualifications of each applicant/apprentice pertaining to determination of compliance with the regulation. Records must be retained, where appropriate, regarding affirmative action plans and evidence that qualification standards have been validated. State Apprenticeship Councils are also obligated to keep adequate records pertaining to determination of compliance with these regulations. All of the above records are required to be maintained for five years. If this information was not required, there would be no documentation that the apprenticeship programs were being operated in a nondiscriminatory manner. Many apprenticeship programs are four years or more in duration; therefore, it is important to maintain the records for at least five years.

*Affected Public:* Applicants, Apprentices, Sponsors, State Apprenticeship Councils or Agencies, Tribal Government.

*Total Respondents:* 28,800.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 5,842.

## SUMMARY OF BURDEN FOR 29 CFR PART 30

Sec.	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden (hours)
30.3 .....	1,540 .....	1-time basis .....	1,540 .....	1/2 hr./spon .....	770
30.4 .....	70 .....	1-time basis .....	70 .....	1 hr./spon .....	70
30.5 .....	6,140 .....	1-time basis .....	6,140 .....	1/2 hr./spon .....	3,070
30.6 .....	50 .....	1-time basis .....	50 .....	5 hrs./spon .....	250
30.8 .....	28,800 .....	1-time/ program .....	28,800 .....	1 min./spon .....	480
30.8 .....	30 State Agencies .....	1-time basis .....	14,120 .....	5 min./spon .....	1,177
30.11 .....	28,800 .....	1 time .....	28,800 .....	Handout .....	.....
ETA 9039 .....	50 appl/appr. ....	1-time basis .....	50 .....	1/2 hr .....	25
30.15 .....	30 State Agencies .....	1-time .....	Completed .....	.....	.....
30.19 .....	30 State Agencies .....	Varies .....	.....	.....	.....
Totals .....	28,800 .....	.....	50,770 .....	.....	5,842

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* 0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 23, 2006.

**Anthony Swoope,**

*Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### Information Regarding the Reclassification of Positions in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration as Reported in the Department of Labor's FY 2005 FAIR Act Inventory

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (FAIR Act), and the Office

of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76, the Department of Labor must notify the public when it either concurs or disagrees with a challenge from directly affected employees. In this case, the challenge concerns the reclassification of a number of full time equivalent (FTE) Whistleblower Investigators, Supervisory Investigators, Program Managers, and Team Leaders in OSHA's National Office and field locations, to "inherently governmental" status from their prior classification as commercial in nature in the Department of Labor's FY 2005 FAIR Act Inventory for OSHA.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas Goodell, Office of Human Resources, 200 Constitution Avenue,

NW., Washington, DC 20210, 202-693-2588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-270), and consistent with Section B.1 of Attachment A of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76 (revised May 29, 2003), the Department of Labor has concurred with a challenge from directly affected employees regarding 70 full time equivalent (FTE) Whistleblower Investigators, Supervisory Investigators, Program Managers, and Team Leaders in OSHA's National Office (3 FTE) and 45 field locations (67 FTE). The Department has determined that all 70 FTE should be reclassified as "inherently governmental" from their prior classification as commercial in nature (i.e., 3 FTE as Commercial Reason Code A and 67 FTE as Commercial Reason Code B) in the Department of Labor's FY 2005 FAIR Act Inventory for OSHA. An updated 2005 FAIR Act Inventory report is to be prepared and posted to the Department's FAIR Act Inventory Web site within five (5) business days following the next update cycle.

Signed in Washington, DC this 29th day of June, 2006.

**Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,**

*Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Reinstate With Changes an Expired Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 1 year.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by September 7, 2006 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; or sent e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. You may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title of Collection:** Evaluation of the Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program in the NSF Division of Engineering Education and Centers (EEC).

**OMB Number:** 3145-0121.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** One Year.

**Type of request:** Reinstate with changes.

**Abstract:** NSF has supported the REU Program since 1987. The Program was evaluated after three and five years, but not since then. The proposed project will enable NSF's Division of Engineering Education and Centers (EEC) to learn about the activities, outcomes, and impacts of the REU awards made by that Division, as well as lessons learned to improve the results of future REU awards. Two types of REU awards will be studied, REU sites and REU supplements. REU Sites awards fund groups of undergraduates to work with faculty members and graduate students at an institution. Half of the undergraduates in an REU site must come from other institutions. EEC also makes REU Supplement awards to NSF-funded Engineering Research Centers for comparable similar for undergraduates.

The proposed study will be very similar to the two previous evaluations. It will focus on undergraduate REU participants and the faculty members who are responsible for the REU awards during 2003-06, and will examine in detail for the first time the activities, outcomes, and impacts of REU awards made in a single NSF division (EEC). The REU program officers in EEC want to learn in depth about the REU Site and ERC REU Supplements awards from former REU students and awardees, any differences between the Sites and ERC Supplements, and lessons learned for subsequent proposal review and advising prospective PIs. Information will also be used for EEC Program reporting requirements. The study will examine (1) the role of the REU program

in aiding participating undergraduates in a decision to pursue graduate education or careers in engineering; and (2) the relationship between how REU activities are structured and managed and participants' subsequent education and career decisions and actions.

The survey data collection will be done on the World Wide Web.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

**Respondents:** Individuals.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Form:** 4,525.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 2,262.5 hours (4,525 respondents at 30 minutes per response).

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Comments:** Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: June 28, 2006.

**Catherine J. Hines,**

*Acting Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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